total mandays lost. In the same period, 17 per cent of the total Lockouts was in response to strikes.

Loans from IDA

1635. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IDA is imposing some hard terms on the loans aavanced by it;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what would be its impact on the national economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial loss due to robberies in banks

1636. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of financial ss sustained by Government on account of robberies in the nationalised banks during the last one year; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to stop bank robberies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that a sum of Rs. 159.09 lakhs approximately was involved in the bank robberies, dacoities that occurred in nationalised banks during the year 1985.

(b) The Report of the High Power Working Group which, was set up by the Government to critically review security arrangements in banks and to make suggestions for improvment therein, was sent to all public sector banks and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for implementing the recommendations made by the Group Banks have been implementing the measures recommended by the working Group in a phased manner for providing greater security for branches.

Alarm system for banks

1637. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
PROF. C. LAKHAMANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether safer alarm system for Banks has been invented by the R & D wing in the Reserve Bank of India as reported in the 'Times of India' of the 19th February, 1986; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether this system will now expose the neighbours to danger and save the bank employees;

(c) what are the causes for the failure of the present alarm system; and

(d) whether the inventors have been suitably rewarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that it has no information regarding developments of a safer alram system for banks.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

(c) In individual cases of failure of the alarm system installed, it has been noticed that maintenance of the equipment had been adversely affectd by firms of suppliers of such equipments going rapidly out of business. In order to ensure functional efficiency of the alarm systems installed, banks have been instruted to ensure that the alarm system in each branch is checked periodically. They have also been instructed to review the service contracts with firms of suppliers of alarm system and to black-list such firms are not responsive.

Complants against Peeless General Finance Company

1638. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India and Government have received com-

plaints, letters, memoranda etc. from individuals depositors saving holders and organisations from various parts of the country during 1st January, 1981 to 31st January, 1986 regarding malpractices, illegal transactions, corruption, etc. against the Peerless General Finance Company, a non-banking company of Calcutta;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken on such complaints; and

(d) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India have received complains from the Certificate holders of M|s. Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta regarding non-submission of pucca receipts for paid subscriptions endowment Certificates non-payment of surrender value|death claims|maturity claims, etc. during the period from 1.1.1981 to 31.1.1986. These have been brought to the notice of the Company for corrective action.

As the activities of the Company were considered to be covered by the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, the State Government of West Bengal had issued a notice to the Company in 1979 under the provisions of the rules framed by the State Government under the aforesaid Act asking the Company to submit statements of particulars and winding up plans. However, the Company *obtained a stay order from the Calcutta High Court.* Hearing in the case filed by the Company in the Calcutta High Court has commenced *and the matter is sub-judice.*

Seizure of Smuggled Foreign Goods in Gujarat

1639. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggled foreign goods and other articles were seized during 1st January, 1985 to 5th February, 1986 from Salaya, Porbandar, Mahuva Bhavnagar, Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many persons have been detained in this connection; and

(d) what concrete steps have been taken to minimise such illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (d) During the period from 1.1.1985 to 5.2.1986, contraband goods worth Rs. 11 crores were seized from Salaya, Porbandar, Mahuva, Bhavnagar and other parts in Saureshtra and Kutch in Gujarat. Gold, wrist watches, fabrics, Indian currency, etc. were the main commodities seized.

(c) During the period from 1.1.85 to 5.2.86, 112 persons were detained under the COFEPOSA Act, 1974.

(d) Anti-smuggling drive in the region has been intensified. The trends in smuggling and seizures made are also kept under constant review for taking appropriate remedial measures in close coordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities.

Stringent action is taken against persons found involved in smuggling activities both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart form confiscation of goods involved and imposition of personal penalties in appropriate cases, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to.

Introduction of Computers in Banks

1640. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of different types of computers that have been introduced at present in various nationalised banks;

(b) what is the future programme in this regard;

(c) what is its effect on the working efficiency of the banks; and

(d) whether the introduction of computers has affected the present employees and also the future employment openings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Information regarding the number of computers installed in the various Public